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Drug Policy Subcommittee to Review
President's Drug Control Strategy

"ONDCP Reauthorization and the National Drug Control Strategy for 2003"

Who: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources
Witness: John Walters, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)

What: Public hearing to begin legislative hearings on reauthorization of the ONDCP, as well as to review the President's Drug Control Strategy for 2003

Where: 2154 Rayburn House Office Building

When: Wednesday, March 5, 2003, 1 p.m.

Background: The current statutory authorization for the ONDCP, popularly known as the office of the "Drug Czar," expires at the end of the current fiscal year. The Subcommittee will begin a series of hearings on reauthorization for ONDCP and its programs Wednesday with Director John Walters. Subcommittee Chairman Mark Souder (R-IN) will discuss general principles guiding the legislation at the hearing.

In addition, the Subcommittee is expected to cover a wide range of current drug policy issues in reviewing the National Drug Control Strategy for 2003 with Director Walters. Possible topics include the status of drug decriminalization efforts in the states, the effect of homeland security needs on drug interdiction and enforcement, drugged driving, Administration efforts to prevent marijuana use, student drug testing, Justice Department drug prosecution strategy, international programs in Colombia and the Andean ridge, and links between the drug trade and international terrorism.

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